(b) and (c) A statement giving number of Letters of Intent issued and Industrial Licences granted in the industrially backward districts of Rajasthan during this period is enclosed. (*See* below).

(d) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been formulated and as such the targetted rate of industrial growth for the Eighth Five Year Plan is not available.

Statement

Number of Letters of Intent issued and Number of Industrial Licences granted during 1985 – 1989

Sl. No.	District	Letters of Intent	Industrial Licence
1	Jaisalmer	1	..
2	Sirohi	16	2
3	Churu	4	1
4	Barmer	1	..
5	Alwar	67	28
6	Jodhpur	3	3
7	Bhilwara	11	4
8	Nagaur	8	1
9	Udaipur	20	13
10	Banswara	3	1
11	Dungarpur	..	1
12	Jalore	1	..
13	Jhunjhunu	2	..
14	Jhalwar		..
15	Sikar	2	2
16	Tonk	..	..
17	Others	8	..

Fate of the gas based 3 MW power plant at Jaisalmer

2101. SHRI GAJ SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposed gas based 3 MW power plant at Jaisalmer has been abandoned;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 30 kilometres of pipeline procured for piping the gas from the wells of Oil India and ONGC in the neighbourhood, for this plant, has now been shifted to Gujarat; and

(c) if so, what is the justification therefor when more commercially viable gas has been discovered both by Oil India and ONGC after the proposal to set up the gas based power plant was made?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) 39.9 kms. pipeline was procured by ONGC to supply gas to RSEB at Ramgarh from its gas field at Manhera Tibba. Since finalisation of the contract with RSEB is taking abnormally long, the pipeline has been shifted for use in Gujarat where it was required urgently. The same will be replenished, whenever the scheme is implemented for gas supply to RSEB after signing of the contract.

Sick industrial units in Assam

2102. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sick industrial units in Assam at present;

(b) what are the reasons for their sickness; and

(c) what is the number of industrial units closed down during the last three years in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Data on sick industrial units assisted by the banks in the country is being collected by Reserve Bank of India. As per the latest information available from Reserve Bank of India there are 4 sick units in Non-SSI* sector and 11,438 sick units in the SSI sector in Assam, as at the end of June, 1988.

(b) A number of causes, both external and internal are responsible for industrial sickness in the country. Among the major causes are faulty project planning, management deficiencies, inefficient financial control, diversion of resources, inadequate attention to R&D, obsolescence of technology and machinery, poor industrial relations, change in market demand, cost and scarcity of raw materials and other inputs and infrastructural constraints.

(c) The data collected by the Reserve Bank of India do not indicate the number of units which have been closed down.

Installation of mini-hydel project in Darjeeling

2103. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the possibility for the installation of Mini-Hydel Projects in hilly regions of Darjeeling; and

(b) whether Government have drawn up any plan in this regard; and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Mini-Hydel Project costing upto Rs. five crores is a State Government subfect. Accordingly the State Government of West Bengal has been requested to furnish the requisite information which will be placed on the Table of tre House in due course.

Proposal for air services between Darjeeling and Bagdogra

2104. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal from the Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council for operating air services between Darjeeling (Tiger Hill) and Bagdogra and

(b) if so, whether Government have considered this proposal, if so, the action taken so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

* Non-SSI sick units include medium scale sick industries also as per the definition of sickness adopted by Reserve Bank of India since 1987 onwards.